THEY WERE ALL BLIND.

Facts Which Prove that Not Those With the Best Sight are Most Successful.

Sightless People Who Have Built Bridges, Surveyed and Hunted.

Many Played the Violin-Long List of Poets, Musicians, Astronomers, Sci-

Henry, the author of the "Poetic Life of Wallace," was born blind, says the St. Louis Republic. He early exhibited wonderful imaginative faculties, which were turned to good account in the production of the book mentioned.

Hermann Torrentius, a blind Swiss, born in 1520, became one of the principals of the University of Berne, the author of a poetical dictionary of rare merit, besides works on history and botany.

In 1685 Nicholas Sanderson was a wellknown character in Yorkshire, England. He was not born blind, but became so through sickness at the age of three years, through sickness at the age of three years, and upon arriving at the age of discrimination could not remember of ever being able to see. As unlikely as it may seem, he actually becamed learned in two of the most difficult branches, astronomy and mathematics, and three years before his death finded as achieving treation on algebra. shed an exhaustive treatise on algebra.
Francois Huber, the Swiss naturalist, lost

his sight at an early age, became an emi-nent entomologist and wrote on bees, ants nent entomologist and wrote on bees, ants and other insects. His son Pierre, and a servant named Rurnens aided him in making many valuable original observations on the habits of these creatures. Although the servant and son rendered invaluable aid, it was admitted by both that the elder Huber was the master mind in the preparation of their many books and papers on entomology, zoology and meteorology. Many believe that Huber would have become as eminent in his special branches as either Humboldt or Cuvier could he have had the use of his eyes.

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John Milton, the great English writer of prose and verse, best known as the author of "Paradise Lost," was totally blind during the last years of his life. Properly he may not belong in this list, having had forty-six years of daylight in which to complete his studies before impenetrable and perpetual night shrouded him in its inky gloom. I have only mentioned him in this connection in order to open the way for a broad assertion, viz: That two of the greatest poets known to history, Milton and Homer, were both blind. John Metcalf, a most wonderful production

John Metcalf, a most wonderful production of the last century, was born at Knaresborough, Yorksmre, Eng., in 1717. At the age of four years a hard attack of the measles struck mm totally blind—so blind that the brightest rays of the sun gave him no perception of light. Yet he did not give up in despair. A calemity had overtaken him which would have benumbed the faculties of a less courageous man forever. Not so with John Metcalf. It seemed only to brighten his remaining senses. At first he learned music, and at the age of twelve was the most expert violinist in all England. When he arrived at man's estate he was owner of a house, a small farm and a horse and carriage. At the age of twenty-three he was a well-known carrier, engaged in the occupation of carrying persons through the crowded streets to and from places of amusement. Besides his street work he was frequently engaged to carry travelers to York, a distance of sixteen miles. quently engaged to carry travelers to York, a distance of sixteen miles. In this hazardous work he was as trusty as any man with two eyes, and got into few difficulties from which he could not easily extricate himself. He became a great hunter, and followed the hounds with as much pleasure and as surely as the most keen-eyed hunter. He had his own horse, and could tell the baying of his own hounds among hundreds. At the age of forty he began the study of surveying and bridge building. This not for an idle passtime, but for profit. At one time he was the official surveyor of Yorkshire. Even to this day there are dozens of monuments to John Metcalf in his native shire in the shape of elegant roadbeds and splendid bridges. At Huddersfield one of the finest and most substantial bridges is known to have been con-

Huddersfield one of the finest and most substantial bridges is known to have been constructed by him. What he could have accomplished with organs of sight unimpaired we can only conjecture.

A namesake of our great American temperance lecturer, John Gough, also an Englishman by birth, became quite celebrated as a botanist and writer on subjects pertaining to natural philosophy. He was totally blind from the age of 3 years, the sense of vision being so deadened that he could not perceive the glare of sunlight upon the snow on the brightest winter days. Disabled by this appalling affliction he studied botany, his wife, brothers and sisters doing his reading, and collected and arranged, by botany, his wife, brothers and sisters doing his reading, and collected and arranged, by the sense of touch alone, and without the least aid from any living human being, one of the largest and most valuable collections of dried herbs and grasses at that time (1780) known in Britain.

That wonderful invention, the string alphabet for the blind, was invented by a man who never saw his queer looking machine, the face of his mother or the "glad sunlight" of which he so feelingly wrote. David Macbeth was blind from birth, yet a perfect genius in a dozen different ways.

perfect genius in a dozen different ways. He was an accomplished musician, a perfect prodigy in mathematics and an inventor of no mean order of merit. Besides his string alphabet he was the inventor of one string alphabet he was the inventor of one of the earliest known revolving barrel churns, of a clamp to be used by bookbinders in stitching leaves together, and of a self oiling attachment for wagons and carriages. He could take his watch to pieces and put it together almost as quickly as the man who made it could have done. It was without a crystal, and by touching the hands with the tips of his fingers he could tell within one second of the time of day or night.

He was an expert at the national game of

cricket, and was reckoned as being one of the most valuable men in some parts of the game, but useless in others.

When he died he had been engaged for years on the perfection of a fire-escape, which has since, with some slight changes and additions, made a London firm inde-pendent.

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Alexander Rodenback, the Belgian politician, and for a long time member of the Belgian lower house, was totally blind. Besides being noted as a political economist, Rodenback was the author of several works on deaf mutism, blindness and kindred splicets.

Birmingham, Ala., miner tells, with the sense of touch alone, the direction and to what depth to drill his holes before putting in a blast: but the work of Vidal stands out in bold relief, unique, wonderful and incomparable. To be a sculptor it is generally supposed that one must have the "mechanic's eye" and the artist's taste and perspicacity. The latter faculties Vidal has to an exceptional degree—even more acute, he believes, than if the former were not lost to him forever. By slowly passing his hand over an object he notes its external proportions, and imitates them in clay in a manner which strikes the beholder dumb with surprise. A dog, horse, human face or anything alive or dead he models with as much ease as any of the dozens of Parisian sculptors who still retain the faculty of sight.

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From 1855 to 1875 Vidal received more medals than any other exhibitor of works in the Paris art exhibitions. Many of his works, made in the solitude of his perpetual midnight, are now on the shelves at the great exposition, where the blind wonder contends in f. iendiy rivalry with his less unfortunate brother artists. He never complains, is always genial and festive when among his friends, who always speak of and to him as though he could see, and well may they do so, for he is one of the best art crities in all Paris.

Henry Fawcett, the blind English postmaster-general, who died in 1884, was a greater man by half after the unfortunate accident which deprived him of sight than he ever was before. He was born in 1833 and lost his eyes in 1858, at the age of 25, from the effect of a gunshot wound. At that time he was a poor law student. Within less than ten years, through constant association with John Stuart Mill, he became only second to that great author as a writer on political economy. In 1865. From 1855 to 1875 Vidal received mor

Within less than ten years, through constant association with John Stuart Mill, he became only second to that great author as a writer on political economy. In 1865, eight years after his misfortune, he was elected to the house of commons from Brighton, and soon became one of the leaders of that body. His writings, mostly on political and economic subjects, would fill a large library case by themselves. His career as postmaster-general, dating from the time of his election in 1878 until the time of his death in 1884, was marked by many radical and important changes in the English postal system, not a few of which have been incorporated into the postal service of the this country.

Mr. Herreshoff, the blind president of the Herreshoff Manufacturing company, of Bristol, R. L. seems as much out of his element in his present capacity as either the blind sculptor or the blind postmaster-general. Aside from Edison the government has recognized him as being one of the greatest inventors of the times. Many of the torpedo boats and steam launches now used by this and all the civilized governments on the globe are the inventions of this sightless genius. His steam launches have made the highest speed with but few exceptions, and his torpedo boats are ranked among the most efficient in use. He works on his models in the quiet of the night, shut up in the darkness of his room, but this is all the same to Hershoff—the brightest midday would be to him as black as the darkest midnight.

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Rev. W. H., Milburn, known throughout the civilized world as "the blind preacher," and who is actively in the field at the present time, is one of the most remarkable men of the age. He was born in Philadelphia in 1823. He totally lost the sight of one eye when quite young, the other becoming badiy impaired from sympathy, so much so that it soon darkened forever.

With spirit undaunted he studied, and was ordained as a minister at the age of 20, and, it is claimed, traveled over 200,000 miles filling appointments in the southern states. Within the last thirty years he has preached in nearly every state in the union and some European countries. He has been chaplain in the house of representatives at Washington, beside filling many other important positions. As a writer he is known as the author of "Ten Years of a Preacher's Life," "Riffe, Ax and Saddle-bag," and "Pioneer Preachers and People of the wonders of the French capital. He has been blind since his 21st year. We cen quite easily understand how a blind farmer would cultivate the ground with the plow, spade and hoe; how he would feel around the tender plants and gently loosen the dirt from their roots; or how the blind the first indication of croup, and is a sure sign that croup is to follow, unless promptly and properly treated. The free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as directed with each bottle, made the heading, "to prevent croup," will dispel all ay aptoms of the disease. The first sign of croup, hoarseness, may be overlowed by yoving mothers or those not farst sign of croup, hoarseness, may be overlowed by yoving mothers or those not farst sign of croup, hoarseness, and ye overlowed by yoving mothers or the dough by yoving mothers or the first sign of croup, hoarseness, may be overlowed by yoving mothers or the first sign of croup, hoarseness, and ye overlowed by yoving mothers or the first sign of croup, hoarseness, and proportion of the disease. Unde

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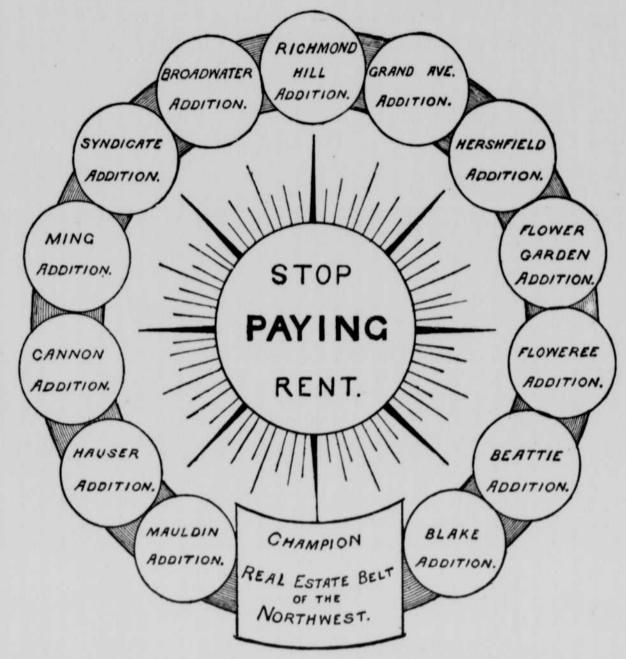
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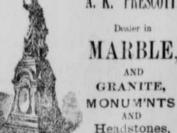
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